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FOLLOWING IS EGYPTIAN STATEMENT ON KOREA WHICH DELIVERED
IN FIRST COMITE NOV 16 BY PERMREP MEGUID:

STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF EGYPT BEFORE
THE FIRST COMITTEE
16 NOVEMBER 1973

THE KOREAN QUESTION

A) REPORT OF THE UNCURK

B) CREATION OF FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS TO ACCELERATE THE
INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA.

MR. CHAIRMAN,

FOR ABOUT 28 YEARS THE PEOPLE OF KOREA HAVE LIVED IN TRAGIC
DISUNITY OWING TO THE INTERFERENCE AND INTERVENTION OF OUTSIDE
FORCES. CONSEQUENTLY, THE REUNIFICATION OF KOREA WAS A
NATIONAL TASK OF PRESSING IMPORTANCE.
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WE PRAISE THE SPIRIT OF FRANKNESS AND OBJECTIVITY OF THE
UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE REUNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION
OF KOREA WHICH LED IT TO RECOGNIZE THE FACT THAT ITS CONTRIBUTION
TO THE ACHIEVEMENT O THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMISSION WAS NOT
SIGNIFICANT, AND HENCE, TO PROPOSE IN ITS REPORT THAT IT
SHOULD BE DISSOLVED. WE KNOW VERY WELL THAT BOTH NORTH AND
SOUTH KOREA RECOGNIZED THE WILLINGNESS OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE
THEMSELVES TO WORK OUT THE CONDITIONS OF THEIR REUNIFICATION
WITHOUT ANY OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE.

WE FAVORABLY WITNESSED THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONSBETWEEN
THE TWO PARTS OF KOREA SINCE CONTACTS WERE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN
NORTH AND SOUTH THROUGH THE RED CROSS ENTITIES, FOLLOWED BY
NEGOTIATIONS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. THESE CONTACTS, HAVE
LED TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE HISTORIC JOINT DECLARATION
OF 4 JULY 1972 AND A COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF NORTH AND
SOUTH WAS FORMED. WE HOPE THAT THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN
NORTH AND SOUTH WOULD BE SUCCESSFULLY RESUMED IN THE NEAR
FUTURE.

IT SEEMS TO US THAT ALL ATTEMPTS TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS
QUO IN KOREA BY KEEPING THE ARTIFICIAL DIVISION BETWEEN
NORTH AND SOUTH IS AGAINST THE WILL OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE
AND ITS INALIENABLE RIGHT FOR SELF-DETERMINATION WITHOUT
FOREIGN INFLUENCE OR INTERFERENCE. IN THIS CONTEXT,
IT IS A FACT BEYOND ANY DOUBT THAT THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN
TROUPS IN KOREA WILL HINDER THE PROGRESS TOWARD UNIFICATION
AND THE FREE SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE KOREANS. FURTHER-
MORE, AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, IT IS NOT TOLERABLE TO SEE
THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG USED BY FOREIGN TROOPS AS A PRETEXT
TO PERPETUATE THE PRESENCE OF SUCH TROOPS IN ANY COUNTRY.
HENCE WE BACK THE PROPOSAL TO DISSOLVE THE U.N. COMMAND
IN SOUTH KOREA.

MR. CHAIRMAN,

WE BELIEVE THAT WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS STATIONED IN
SOUTH KOREA UNDER THE UN FLAG WOULD CREATE A FAVORABLE
ATMOSPHERE WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE
NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, AND FACILITATES THEIR REUNIFICATION
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OF THEM INTO THE FORMER STATUS AS ONE STATE.

WE ALSO SYMPATHIZE WITH THE APPEAL TO ELIMINATE MILITARY
CONFRONTATION AND EASE TENSION IN KOREA. THIS APPEASEMENT
OF THE SITUATION IN THE PENINSULA OF KOREA WOULD BE A PRO-
GRESSIVE STEP WHICH PAVES THE WAY TO IMPROVE THE PRESET
RELATIONS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH AND ACCELERATE THEIR
PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION.

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WE SHARE THE VIEW THAT REMOVING MILITARY CONFRONTATION AND ALLEVIATING TENSION BETWEEN THE NORTH AND SOUTH IS A PREREQUISITE TO DISSIPATE MISTRUST AND TO THE ENHANCEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES IN KOREA. THEREFORE, THE FIVE-POINT PROPOSAL WHICH THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESENTED IN THIS RESPECT ARE VERY CONSTRUCTIVE. SUCH PROPOSAL AIMS:

1. TO EASE THE REINFORMCEMENT OF ARMIES AND ARMS RACE;

2. TO WITHDRAW FOREIGN TROOPS;

3. TO REDUCE ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS;

4. TO STOP THE INTRODUCTION OF WEAPONS FROM ABROAD; AND

5. TO CONCLUDE A PEACE AGREEMENT.

THE CREATION OF THE ABOVE CONDITIONS WOULD PAVE THE WAY FOR THE ADMISSION, TO THE UNITED NATIONS, OF ONE KOREA CONFEDERATED OR UNITED. IN ASSOCIATING ITSELF WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.1/L.644, SPONSORED BY ALGERIA AND OTHERS, EGYPT WELCOMES THE THREE PRINCIPLES OF NATIONAL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA COMPRISED IN THE NORTH/SOUTH JOINT STATEMENT MADE PUBLIC ON 4 JULY 1972, NAMELY:

1. THAT THE REUNIFICATION OF KOREA SHOULD BE ACHIEVED INDEPENDENTLY, WITHOUT RELIANCE UPON OUTSIDE FORCE OR INTERFERENCE;

2. THAT THE REUNIFICATION OF KOREA SHOULD BE ACHIEVED BY PEACEFUL MEANS, WITHOUT RECOURSE TO THE USE OF FORCE
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BY ONE SIDE AGAINST THE OTHER;

3. THAT NATIONAL UNITY SHOULD BE PROMOTED.

IN ADOPTING THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY ALGERIA AND OTHERS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD ASSIST IN THE CREATION OF FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS WHICH WOULD PROMOTE AND ACCELERATE THE INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA.

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO REFER TO RESOLUTION, ON THE PROBLEMS OF KOREA, ADOPTED AT THE FOURTH SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HELD IN ALGIERS IN SEPTEMBER 1973 AND IN PARTICULAR TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 OF THAT RESOLUTION WHICH STATE:

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QUOTE:
2. FURTHER CALLS ON THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AT ITS TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION, TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF KOREA AND TO DECIDE ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS STATIONED IN SOUTH KOREA UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG AND ON THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA WITH A VIEW TO FACILITATING THE PEACEFUL AND INDEPENDENT REUNIFICATION OF KOREA;

3. DECLARES THAT KOREAN MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED IN THE NAME OF A SINGLE STATE, AFTER THE COMPLETE REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY OR AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONFEDERATION OF NORTH AND SOUTH.
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MR. CHAIRMAN,

DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.1/L.644 IS FULLY IN LINE WITH THE NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION REFERRED TO. THANK YOU SIR.

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